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1. THE EC COUNCIL FORMALLY DECIDED ON JUNE 14 THAT THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SHOULD BE TREATED BY THE EC AS A STATE-TRADING COUNTRY. AS NOTED REFTELS, THE COMMUNITY HAD FACED DIFFICULTIES OVER THE EXISTENCE OF TWO DIFFERENT SETS OF IMPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM, EVEN AFTER THEIR UNIFICATION AS THE SRV. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE COUNCIL DECISION, IMPORT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH PREVIOUSLY APPLIED TO NORTH VIETNAM HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO THE SRV AS A WHOLE; AND THE SRV HAS BEEN SUBSTITUTED FOR NORTH VIETNAM ON THE LIST OF THIRD COUNTRIES SUBJECT TO THE EC'S COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY WITH RESPECT TO STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES.

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2. THE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED ON JUNE 14 QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON EC MEMBER STATE IMPORTS FROM THE SRV. COPIES OF THE COUNCIL DECISION AND OF THE LISTS OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ARE BEING SENT BY AIRGRAM. MORRIS

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